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CENTER FOR VETERINARY BIOLOGICS NOTICE NO. 05-22

Subject: Avian Influenza (H5 and H7 Subtypes) Vaccine Bank

To: Biologics Licensees, Permittees, and Applicants
Veterinary Services Management Team
Directors, Center for Veterinary Biologics
Area Veterinarians in Charge, VS
State Veterinarians

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (VS) is soliciting bids for production of four subtypes of Avian Influenza Vaccine, Killed Virus.

II. BACKGROUND

Center for Veterinary Biologics Notice No. 05-13, dated June 28, 2005, informed interested parties that VS was soliciting bids for the creation of an avian influenza vaccine bank. As a result of a previous solicitation, a contract was awarded to a licensed veterinary biologics manufacturer to manufacture avian influenza vaccine. Veterinary Services now has approximately 40 million doses of frozen killed bulk viral antigens that are ready to be finished into final product upon activation of the bank.

The USDA seeks to expand the existing avian influenza vaccine bank. The goal is to add approximately 30 million additional doses of Avian Influenza Vaccine, Killed Virus, to the bank. To meet this goal, Solicitation number 48-M-APHIS-05 was posted to the Federal Business Opportunities web site on October 18, 2005. A follow-up amendment was posted on November 3, 2005. The closing date on the solicitation is November 26, 2005.

III. ACTION

Interested parties should refer to the following website for further information:

<http://www.eps.gov/spg/USDA/APHIS/Contracting/48%2DM%2DAPHIS%2D05/listing.html>

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